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He has a wealth of housing and economic development experience, and he plans to maximize and strengthen DHCD's impact on Washington.

"I want to make sure this department continues to be the main catalyst to create new business and housing opportunities in the city," said Mr. Bailey. "We have the potential to drastically increase the city's affordable housing stock and attract businesses that provide quality goods and services. I am focused on ensuring this department reaches its goals and fulfills its promises to residents and the Williams Administration." ■

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Notice of Funding Availability

A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is released to solicit proposals that address the needs of citizens and which supports the city's strategic investment of funds within targeted areas. DHCD issues NOFAs on a periodic and unscheduled basis. Entities with funding requests that fall outside the scope of DHCD's issued NOFA's are encouraged to submit those proposals to the agency at anytime during the year.

For more information about NOFAs, please call Tia Matthews at (202) 442-7259. ■



Council Confirms New DHCD Director

In November 2000, the Council of the District of Columbia confirmed Mr. Milton J. Bailey as the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). In his new position, Mr. Bailey will serve residents by helping to facilitate the production and preservation of housing and commercial development opportunities throughout the city.

"I'm pleased with Milton Bailey's confirmation by the D.C. Council and his accomplishments at the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development," said Mayor Anthony Williams. "He has the experience and the commitment to ensure that we will continue to build and sustain healthy neighborhoods and make sure that every citizen, particularly our most vulnerable, will have safe and affordable housing."

In June 2000, Mr. Bailey became the Acting Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development. In his former position, he served as Executive Director of the Housing Finance Agency (HFA) for seven years. During his tenure, he worked with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Internal Revenue



Milton J. Bailey

Service to expand the city's qualified mortgage loan districts from 61 to 156 of its 192 census tracts; established the city's Target Area Builder Bond Program, which lowers mortgage interest rates on privately placed bond issues; produced and maintained a four percent interest rate on mortgage loans since 1998; and established a small developers Loan Guarantee and Credit Enhancement Fund. Mr. Bailey also served as Deputy Director of Department of Housing and Community Development from 1993 to 1994.

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DHCD Announces a New Home Purchase Assistance Program

In December 2000, a press conference was held to announce a new home purchase assistance program that will affect thousands of current homeowners in Washington.

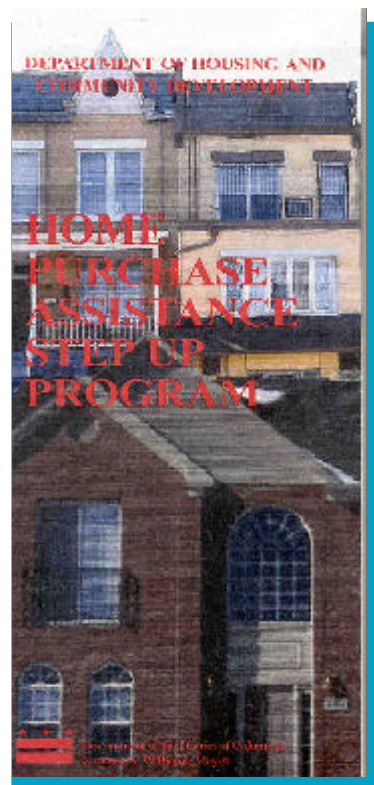
The Home Purchase Assistance Step Up Program (HPASUP) will provide \$10,000 to homeowners needing financial assistance to purchase a new single family house. HPASUP loans will be awarded to a limited number of eligible applicants, depending on funds allocated in the department's budget, who received loans through DHCD's Home Purchase Assistance Program (HPAP). About 7,000 residents have received loans since HPAP was created in 1978.

"Homeownership is very important to the continued stabilization and strengthening of neighborhoods," Mr. Bailey, Director of DHCD, said at the press conference. "This new program will help us maintain residents who are otherwise growing out of their current homes and may be thinking of moving out of Washington. By providing them with a low-interest loan to pay for down payment and closing costs, we are offering a helping hand and showing them the Government of the District of Columbia wants them to stay in the city."

The program is the first new home purchase assistance program introduced by the Government of the District of Columbia in five years and the first to target current homeowners. DHCD's four other home purchase assistance programs are only open to first-time homebuyers.

Residents interested in applying for HPASUP can contact one of the four following community based organizations:

- Latino Economic Development Corp.
(202) 588-5102
- Housing Counseling Services, Inc.
(202) 667-7006
- University Legal Services
(202) 645-7175 and (202) 547-4747
- Marshall Heights Community Development Corp.
(202) 396-1200 ■



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CAPER is Sent to HUD

The *District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2000* was sent to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on December 29, 2000. The CAPER provides information on DHCD's review and evaluation of its performance in achieving the objectives stated in its annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2000 (October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000).

The Fiscal Year 2000 Action Plan detailed activities to be carried out by DHCD under the following federal entitlement programs from HUD:

- Community Development Block Grant
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- Emergency Shelter Grants Program
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program

The CAPER report was available for a 15-day public comment period prior to its submission to HUD. The CAPER was available for review at DHCD's office building, all public library branches, all Advisory Neighborhood Commission offices, and four community based organizations located across the city. DHCD received no comments from the public. ■

DHCD Meets Scorecard Goals



DHCD Scorecard

Each year, DHCD sets performance measures to help track its progress toward meeting the department's mission to strengthen neighborhoods by facilitating the production and preservation of housing, commercial, and economic development opportunities. In Fiscal Year 2000, DHCD had additional performance goals to reach. Mayor Anthony Williams established scorecards for himself and his cabinet members that tracked performance measures set by the citizens of Washington.

In December 2000, DHCD's Director announced that the department met the three goals listed on the department's scorecard, which were rehabilitating 1,000 housing units, beginning construction of 1,000 new housing units, and maintaining a loan and grant processing time of less than six months. DHCD exceeded two of its goals by rehabilitating 2,395 housing units and beginning construction on 1,136 housing units. DHCD's deadline for reaching the scorecard goals was December 31, 2000. ■

Development Briefs

Augusta-Louisa

This winter several homeless families with children will have a safe, warm place to live in Northwest Washington.

In November 2000, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for Augusta-Louisa, a supportive housing facility, located at 216 New York Avenue, NW. The Department of Housing and Community Development provided the Northwest Church Family Network (NCFN) \$900,000 to rehabilitate two adjoining four-story buildings to open Augusta-Louisa.

The facility will provide 30 short-term permanent housing units for homeless families with children. Residents of Augusta-Louisa will reside in the units for three to five years and will receive support services to help them secure permanent housing and become self-sufficient in the future.

According to NCFN, the fastest growing group of homeless people is families with children, and over half of Washington's homeless population is women and children. ■



Augusta-Louisa

Forrester Street Demolition

A once thriving open-air drug market continued to show signs of its downfall, as DHCD staff, various government officials and community members successfully pushed for the demolition of two unsafe, dilapidated buildings in its center.

In October 2000, a large crowd gathered to watch as 62 and 64 Forrester Street, SW were demolished in an attempt to revitalize a Capital Community in Ward 8. The targeted block of Forrester Street was the recent center of a regionally famous open-air drug market, and demolition of these properties is the first visible signs of improvement to the street in years.

The Far SE/SW – Bellevue Revitalization Task Force, which is composed of public and private agencies and organizations, coordinated efforts to have the two dilapidated buildings demolished. DHCD and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, both members of the task force, performed joint inspections and advocated for the demolition. With the support of both agencies and community leaders, the properties were declared unsafe and were slated for demolition in 15 months.

Councilmember Sandra Allen; Milton J. Bailey, Director of DHCD; and Carlynn Fuller, Interim Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, spoke at the demolition ceremony. ■

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Moore Tower

DHCD provided financial support for the construction of Moore Tower, a unique senior citizen facility that allows residents access to quality housing and much-needed goods and services.

A dedication and grand opening ceremony for Moore Tower, which is located at 1301 Upshur Street, NW, was held in October 2000. It is one of the first newly constructed senior citizen facilities in Washington with built-in commercial and human services for building residents and the public.



Moore Tower

The 44-unit facility includes a small retail store, community food distribution center, and multipurpose room. More than 175 applications were received for the 44 units, and facility officials have commitments for 40 units.

In 1997, DHCD sold the land to the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Housing, Inc. to construct the five-story senior citizen facility for elderly and handicapped citizens. The department also provided \$250,000 in loan and grant funds to cover predevelopment costs. ■

Capital City Public Charter School

Students at a new charter school in Columbia Heights will spend their recess running, jumping, and playing on a field of green grass, thanks to DHCD.

DHCD is allowing the Capital City Public Charter School (CCPCS) free access to a Redevelopment Land Agency parcel to use as a playground for its 132 students. The school will be allowed to use about 20,000 square feet of Parcel 15, which is located at the corner of 14th and Irving Streets, NW. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in September 2000 to celebrate the agreement.

CCPCS, which opened its doors for the first time this year, has students ranging from pre-kindergarten to fourth grade, and it will eventually expand to serve students through the eighth grade.

Councilmember Jim Graham; Milton J. Bailey, Director of DHCD; and Karen Dresden, Principal of CCPCS; attended the celebration. ■



CCPCS playground ribbon cutting ceremony.